

Education Planning Session Student Advisory Committee – March 19, 2013

Evidence of Success & Growth in Four Priority Areas

Priority One – Engaging Our Students

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Lockers • Student Advisory Committee • Reading buddies, PALS, SWAT • Leader in Me – 7 Habits • French Carnival • School dances • Dodgeball-a-thon • Stories we actually know about in LA • Should be able to work at our own pace • Producer and consumer projects • Bringing in NAIT scientist from classroom learning • My teachers take on old fashion approach • Our library – amazing amounts of new technology! So helpful • Better starting time, we will be more alert and ready to engage • Classroom activities which involve learning • Theme days (PJ day, crazy hair day, crazy sock day) • Engaging our students ex. Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, We Day, Me Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options • Speech Arts • New clubs afterschool ex. Book Club • Talent show • New library books • Doing a 30 hr famine • Breakfast program • Guest Speakers • Different styles of classes (regular courses, Outreach, GDL, Study Hall) • Math video project • Wish Science and Math were a bit more hands on (SPC) • Science is pretty much the only subject we explore • Meridian Hockey League “MHL” staff and students • Leadership Groups (students’ Council, leadership, interact) • Traveling to different countries for learning • Smart Boards, Elmos, laptops and technology in classrooms • Christmas concerts / choir concerts / drama productions / band performances • Students – fundraising, learning, music and art, community clean-up, physical activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glee Club and band options introduced • Sun Run • Fun Day! End of the year activities • New laptops • Grade 10 day • Healthy hot lunches • Music program – handbells, band choir • I wish Math could be more hands on • Different teachers = Different types of learning • Team building • Healthy hot lunch options, vegetarian, whole wheat, whole grain, salads, etc. • Different sport options that are different from gym class • Leadership Assembly / Pep Rallies (celebrate student achievements) • Students and teachers are getting to know each other better • Should be able to work at our own pace • Involve everyone in fun and group activities • Better music options – Recorders suck – teach something cool like guitar or piano or cello • Students planning and running school events ex. Remembrance Day assembly, 30hr. Famine, students running student council, 7 habits, innovation week |
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Priority Two – Engaging Our Staff

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| • Shared options | • Breakfast Program | • Teachers coach after school |
| • Sports programs | • Staff I-Pods | • Fashion show |
| • Bring food to teachers | • Option classes | • Getting to know the students better |
| • Talent show | • Lots of one-on-one help available | • Technology for teachers |
| • Student vs. teacher sports, activities | • Student council | • Custom the learning plan to fit each kid |
| • Different methods of assessment (not just tests and exams) | • Fun activities and technological advancement in the classroom | • Engaging staff in extracurricular activities |
| • Floor hockey intramural (teachers competing against students). | • Winter carnival, Leader in Me, Sharpen the Saw, Fit Friday | • Teachers getting to know students better |
| • Get fruit every Friday, play “Just Dance” every Friday in gym | • Some teachers are changing the way they are teaching, making it more engaging | • Include staff: Teacher coaches for sports teams, flashmob with teacher and admin, pep rally, Sevec with teachers, “Pi” day throw pie at math teachers |
| • Drama program engaging teachers | • Very fixed on kids futures. Trying to get them to where you want them to end up | |
| • Engaging staff – teachers are all happy and willing to coach and provide their time for students | | |

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Priority Three – Engaging Our Community

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| • Magazine sales | • Woodhaven connects | • Christmas concerts |
| • Pennies for polio | • Christmas hampers | • Terry Fox run |
| • MRI and friends | • Curling | • Engaging community volunteers |
| • Wake-a-thon | • Grade 9 trip | • Pennies for the Starlight Foundation |
| • Open House | • Community Clean-up | • Food Drives |
| • Bike-a-thon for cancer research | • We Day | • Parent Council |
| • The Dare Program / Heroes | • Volunteering / Me Day | • Grade 9 Farewell / Parent run |
| • International/Local Fundraisers | • Hot Dog BBQ (opening a new track) | • Bike for Ecuador |
| • More involvement with our parents | • PAL – Parent Council | • Bake Sale |
| • Engaging with the middle school by Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program | • Tomahawk School Community Auctions and Christmas concerts | • Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Boxes |
| • Movie night with community | • Candy Cane Checkstop (awareness of student issues) | • Need a parent council |
| • Spring Fling | • Informing students through announcements, Bloomsday training, We Day | • Hot Lunch Programs |
| • School Councils, magazine sales, hair massacre, Kinette hampers, world vision | | • Lots of travel chances if you take certain courses ie. French, German |
| • Extravaganza – Students, parents & grandparents come together after school to play games and buy food | | • Somalia women, penny drives |

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Priority Four – Stewardship of Our Resources

- Hot Lunch Program
- Recycling
- Needs to be more hands on
- No funding for volleyball at our school
- More funding for sports, better equipment, coaches, students
- Athletics program and athletics equipment
- More recent programs on technology
- Technology and supplies provided
- Academic trips
- Gym equipment
- Putting the I-pads in the libraries where everyone could access was a great idea
- International trips (Italy, New York, France, China, Japan)
- Meridian Heights and Broxton Park come together to do fun activities
- Get more into technology – embracing the future of tech
- New technology (ipads, smartboards)
- More funding for smaller schools
- SmartBoards / new laptops
- Reuse materials share with students if you can
- French Carnival joining parents and students for fun games
- Need more teachers for smaller classes
- Budgets for school groups
- More discussions with students before making decisions that affect us

ADVICE TO THE BOARD

Good Things

- Good curriculum
- Teach financial earlier (CALM)
- Teacher building relationships
- We like feedback on report cards
- Curriculum is good/interesting
- Good option courses
- Increase of technology in the classroom is good
- Continue encouraging reaching out into the community
- Continue teachers relating to what they teach

Things to improve

- Better grading system (percentages, letter grading)
- Better music classes – not recorders, better instruments
- Safer parks – newer ones, not falling apart
- Smaller classes, more one-on-one time with teachers
- More resources – especially in smaller schools
- More gym classes (every day)
- We like the zero! And percentages and grades
- Change reports cards to percentages
- More active hands on learning
- Music options
- Get teachers more involved
- Involve all students
- French options
- Encourage healthy decisions
- Longer gym classes
- Travel options
- More hands on learning

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- Report cards – overall grade
- Art program
- Report cards
 - Get rid of no fail policy – if a child does not do the work, they don't get the mark
 - Repeat grades for students who aren't ready
 - Need to know where we need to improve
 - Need number grades for high school, university and scholarships
- Technology
 - Use more modern devices – laptops, iPads, computers
 - Update existing technology
 - More assignments using technology
 - Courses for teachers to use SmartBoards effectively
- Relevant Studies
 - Learn more things that relate to us
 - Similar to CALM but more in depth
- Try to influence all teachers in the school. Not all teachers change
- Some schools need more tech in classrooms, but getting teachers to trust us to use it wisely. More hands on in the classroom
- Try to influence kids to take dash1 / dash2 level courses depending on what they want to do
- Spy Eye
- Report Cards (letter grade, percentages)
- Good hot lunch programs
- French programs taken more seriously (made an option)
- More variety of activities in gym
- Make school more fun / kids will learn more
- More relatable subjects to life in the future
- More specific courses and options for personal choices and careers. Ex. Polynomials only needed for certain occupations
- More distinctions between different learning levels
- Smaller classes = better learning environment
- Understanding the impact of teachers on students and encouraging good relationships with teachers
- Less stress on students ex. Exams – don't keep enforcing the ideas that are important, we already know
- Just like students, teachers excel in areas they are interested in
- Ease into work, you get more done, easier to focus and a more positive workable environment